GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

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CONSTITUTION OF A COMMITTEE FOR BIRD GROUP OF COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee was constituted for the Bird Group of Companies (BGC) with a view to examining restructuring/reorganization of BGC;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report to the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a)to(d): Yes,Sir.In December, 2006, a Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. J.K. Bagchi, former Secretary (Steel) to study inter-alia, the technical, financial, legal, procedural and other aspects regarding Bird Group of Companies (BGC) with a view to examine the restructuring/reorganization of BGC and to prepare a roadmap for possible restructuring/reorganization of the five group companies under the banner of BGC.The Committee submitted its report to the Ministry, which was examined and forwarded to BGC for their consideration and deliberating the issue in their respective Boards.It was then decided to entrust the task of preparation of a report on restructuring of BGC to a professional merchant banker.Accordingly, IFCI Ltd. was assigned the job, which submitted its report and recommendations to the Company. The recommendations of the IFCI Ltd. have been accepted by the Board of the Companies under BGC. A draft note for Cabinet regarding restructuring of Bird Group of Companies has been circulated to concerned Ministries/Departments.